

SECURITY STATE BANK

• Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 100th anniversary of Security State Bank. I am honored to have the opportunity to celebrate this extraordinary milestone.

For over a century, Security State Bank has provided its customers with the highest quality banking services. Since 1911, this locally owned institution has grown substantially and continues to promote economic growth throughout northern Wisconsin. Furthermore, Security State Bank has demonstrated an incredible commitment to customer service, as well as to the communities and employees it serves. Under the leadership of the bank's chairman and president, Mr. Willard Ogren, Security State Bank has prospered, further cementing its reputation as a fine lending institution but, more importantly, as a community leader dedicated to promoting financial stability and improvement.

I have both personal and professional admiration for independent banks that are focused on strengthening communities in both the best and worst economic times. For more than 100 years, Security State Bank has embodied the importance of building strong local connections.

It is for this commitment to providing every customer with the highest quality banking services and for their crucial role in community improvement that I am proud to recognize this occasion and 100 years of service that Security State Bank has provided to the people of the State of Wisconsin.●

CENTENNIAL OF MADISON COLLEGE

• Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I am honored to have the opportunity to congratulate Madison College on their centennial celebration marking 100 years of providing high quality education to students in my State.

Wisconsin was the first State to establish schools for technical and vocational education. Madison College, founded in 1912 as the Madison Continuation School, was opened to provide vocational education to students who dropped out of school. School administrators also targeted adult workers in their current jobs and also work toward obtaining new ones by providing the classes to help them do so. Throughout the years, Madison College tailored its educational role by responding to the Great Depression with increased craft specialty offerings, such as millinery and woodworking, and later in the post-World War II era, with the help of Federal funding, by honing workers' skills necessary for wartime jobs.

The focus and plan to ensure that every person gets a high-quality education remain true today at this fine institution. Currently, Madison College operates 12 locations in Madison and 4

regional campuses throughout a 12-county district in order to offer a wide variety of educational opportunities to the greatest number of students possible. Today, Madison College continues to add new programs, such as biotechnology and renewable energy, to keep up with the trends of the 21st century and continue to live up to their mission.

For a century of service I commend Madison College and recognize the faculty, students, alumni, and communities they call home. In these tough economic times, access to high-quality education and workforce development are critically important to our State and country finding our way to better financial times. Madison College has stood the test of time as well as economic cycles. I am honored to recognize Madison College on its centennial celebration and for all it has done for the State of Wisconsin and its citizens.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:45 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1059. An act to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2076. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the longstanding practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2633. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the time limits for appeals in civil cases to which United States officers or employees are parties.

At 2:22 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2887. An act to provide an extension of surface and air transportation programs, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1059. An act to protect the safety of judges by extending the authority of the Judicial Conference to redact sensitive information contained in their financial disclosure reports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 2076. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the longstanding practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

H.R. 2633. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the time limits for appeals in civil cases to which United States officers or employees are parties; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 2832. An act to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2887. An act to provide an extension of surface and air transportation programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1549. A bill to provide tax relief for American workers and businesses, to put workers back on the job while rebuilding and modernizing America, and to provide pathways back to work for Americans looking for jobs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3168. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Intergovernmental Review" (7 CFR Parts 1778, 1942, 1944, 1948, 1951, 1980, 3560, 3565, 3570, 4274) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3169. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Commercial Transportation of Equines to Slaughter" ((RIN0579-AC49) (Docket No. APHIS-2006-0168)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 8, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3170. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Atrazine, Chloroneb, Chlorpyrifos, Clofencet, Endosulfan, et al; Tolerance Actions" (FRL No. 8883-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3171. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sulfur Dioxide; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL No. 8887-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3172. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Passive Radio Frequency Identification" ((RIN0750-AH05) (DFARS Case 2010-D014)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on September 12, 2011; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3173. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Discussions Prior to Contract